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## COMPANY ACCOUNTING CLERK PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING FROM EMPLOYER

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that Donna Renee Mackall, age 42, of Charlotte, North Carolina pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to transport stolen securities.

According to the agreed statement of facts presented to the court, from July 2001 through January 2004, Mackall was employed by Piney Branch Motors d/b/a Allied Trailer Sales & Rentals in Savage, Maryland as an accounts receivable clerk. Her duties included receiving and processing checks from customers. She had access to the company's computerized ledger where she was supposed to credit payments to outstanding invoices. On a number of occasions, Mackall posted false information in the ledger to cover up the fact that she did not deposit certain checks into the company bank account. Rather, she forwarded checks to a co-defendant who opened a business account in Texas under the name of Allied T&S Rentals, a name similar to Mackall's employer's name which was the payee on the checks. After depositing the checks into the business account, the co-defendant transferred some of the proceeds to his personal checking account, and sent a large portion of the proceeds back to Mackall. The amount of the checks stolen by Mackall during the course of the conspiracy and transferred to her co-defendant totaled approximately \$381,585.

Mackall faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison followed by three years of supervised release. U.S. District Court Judge William M. Nickerson has scheduled sentencing for January 4, 2006.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its investigative work, and thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen M. Schenning, who is prosecuting the case.